

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Certain guidelines/instructions to the Village Agriculture Assistants/Village Horticulture Assistants to enable smooth Rabi harvesting and Procurement operations during the period of COVID-19 Lockdown-Orders-Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 53

Dated: 05-04-2020

Read the following:

1. DO No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated:03.04.2020 of Home Secretary, Govt. of India.
2. G.O Rt.No.289, Agriculture & Cooperation (MKTG-II) Department, dated:26.03.2020.

ORDER:-

The Govt. of India have issued certain guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of GOI, States/ UT Governments, etc, for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic, in the Country. With a view to ensure smooth harvesting and sowing operations, the Govt. of India vide letter 1st read above, have allowed exceptions for Agriculture/ Horticulture operations, while maintaining social distancing.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, certain orders were issued to ensure availability of essential commodities throughout the State during the period of lockdown.

3. To enable smooth Rabi harvesting and procurement operations, certain decisions were taken by the Group of Ministers in the meeting held on 03.04.2020. The same was also discussed and agreed to, in the Task Force Meetings held by the Hon'ble Chief Minister,

4. Accordingly, Government, after careful consideration, hereby issue the following guidelines/ instructions to the Village Agriculture Assistants/ Village Horticulture Assistants, to enable Rabi harvesting and procurement operations, during the period of COVID-19 Lockdown:-

1. Agriculture/Horticulture operations can be done till 1pm.
2. Agriculture/Horticulture labourers should allowed to go to field up to 1pm.
3. Agriculture/Horticulture labourers should follow physical distancing norms.
4. There is no restrictions on movement of agriculture/horticulture implements, tractors, harvesters and reapers.
5. There is no restrictions on movement of agriculture/horticulture produce.
6. There is no restrictions on movement of fertilizers, seeds and pesticides.
7. There is no restrictions on movement of aqua feed, seed as well as fodder to the animals.
8. All seed, fertilizer, pesticides shops shall be kept open up to 1pm. The sale shall be duly following the physical distancing norms and other precautions.
9. Village Agriculture Assistants and Village Horticulture Assistants should facilitate decentralized procurement of Agriculture/Horticulture produce. They shall cause wide publicity about the Minimum Support Price[MSP] announced by the Government and ensure that there is no distress sale by the farmers.
10. In case of any distress sale, they shall inform at **1907** – Toll free number.

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5. The Special Secretary to Government (Marketing), the Special Commissioners of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Horticulture, the Commissioner of Marketing and all the District Collectors, shall take further necessary action, accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Special Secretary to Government (Marketing),
Agriculture & Cooperation Department.

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.

The Commissioner of Marketing, A.P., Guntur.

All the District Collectors in the State.

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PS to the Addl. Secretary to CM,

PS to the Hon'ble Minister [Agri],

OSD to the Chief Secretary.

PS to the Spl. Chief Secretary, Agri. & Coop. Department.

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SECTION OFFICER